

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of June 26, 2003, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 7-10 and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the patent to Von Holdt.

Claims 3-6, 13-14, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Von Holdt in view of the patent to Smith.

Finally, it is noted that claims 7-10, 15 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, Applicant has canceled claims 8-10, rewritten claim 7 in independent form, and amended claims 1, 2, 3, 11, and 16-20.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness cited by the Examiner. The "generator lines" are more technically correctly referred to as -- generating lines -- which are the lines of the border of the cylinder. Applicant has amended the claims and the specification to clarify this. Claims 16-20 have been amended to recite that "said elements" referred to in these claims originally are -- the body of the mold and the ejector plates --.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 7-10 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome and should be withdrawn.

As mentioned previously, Applicant has rewritten claim 7 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication that this claim contained allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7, as well as claims 2-6 and 11-20 which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Turning now to claim 1, it should be mentioned that this claim defines a flexible ejector for injection molds in which a bushing is arranged in the body of the mold. This allows the introduction of changes in shape of the mold by changing the bushing.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 presently on file differs essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references, and particularly to Von Holdt, it can be seen that this patent discloses a release apparatus for a diecasting assembly. As can be seen in Figure 1 of Von Holdt, the bushing is arranged below the body of the mold. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Von Holdt does not teach the invention as recited in independent claim 1 presently on file.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

The rejections of the independent claims over the prior art are overcome in that these dependent claims now depend from allowable claim 7.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. In the event the actual fee is greater than the payment submitted or is inadvertently not enclosed or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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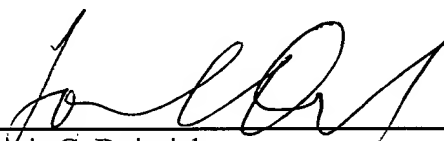


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